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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE VISIT TO US

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL DCM MET WITH GEN KHADEMI JUNE 20 ONLY TO FIND THAT LATTER WISHED DISCUSS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US OF CROWN PRINCE ALONG WITH HIS SISTER, PRINCESS FARAHNAZ, AND BROTHER, PRINCE ALIREZA. ACCORDING GEN KHADEMI, COWN PRINCE AND HIS BROTHER AND SISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY ATTENDANTS AND SECURITY GUARDS COMPRISING TOTAL PARTY OF ABOUT TEN-, WILL BE VISITING US FROM JULY 16-21.

2. KHADEMI DESCRIBED PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR CROWN PRINCE AND PARTY AS FOLLOWS:
JULY 15 - DEPART TEHRAN AND OVERNIGHT LONDON.
JULY 16 - DEPART LONDON FOR WASHINGTON (DULLES AIRPORT) BY AMERICAN CARRIER, PREFERABLY PANAM AND PRESUMABLY FLIGHT 107.
JULY 17 - TOUR WASHINGTON. KHADEMI SUGGESTED SCHEDULE BE LIGHT ONE TO GIVE PARTY TIME TO RECOVER FROM JET LAG.
JULY 18 - DEPART FOR ORLANDO, FLORIDA.
JULY 19 - VISIT DISNEYLAND. COMMENT: WOULD KENNEDY SPACE CENTER VISIT ALSO BE POSSIBLE? END COMMENT.
JULY 20 - DEPART FOR BUFFALO, NY TO VISIT NIAGARA FALLS.
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JULY 21 - PROCEED TO DETROIT TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH PANAM 54 TO LONDON, THUS AVOIDING TIME- CONSUMING PLANE CONNECTIONS AT JFK AIRPORT.
JULY 22 - ARRIVE LONDON FOR CONNECTION WITH CHARTER FLIGHT TO ZURICH, WHERE SHAH AND EMPRESS WILL MEET CHILDREN AND OVERNIGHT WITH THEM BEFORE PROCEEDING JULY 23 TO US FOR STATE VISIT.

3. KHADEMI EXPLAINED TRAVEL AS VACATION TRIP FOR CROWN PRINCE AND PARTY PRIMARILY TO SEE DISNEYLAND AND NIGARA FALLS AS WELL AS PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS IN WASHINGTON. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD CROWN PRINCE AND PARTY WERE TRAVELING TO US AT INVITATION OF USG BUT HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS POINT. HE ASSUMED WE WOULD BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTY IN US IN COLLABORATION WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

4. KHADEMI SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR DETAILS ON SIGHTSEEING AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN US. LATTER PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE SHAH PREFERS TO HAVE CROWN PRINCE AND PARTY TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER RATHER THAN BY CHARTER FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS. HOWEVER, INTENTION IS TO RESERVE ENTIRE FIRST- CLASS AREA OF ANY AIRCRAFT ON WHICH CROWN PRINCE TRAVELS BOTH WITHIN AND TO AND FROM US.

5. COMMENT: FOREGOING COMES AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO US. AMBASSADOR PLANS SEE COURT MINISTER ALAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY WHAT HIM HAS IN MIND BUT WOULD FIRST LIKE TO KNOW WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SCHEDULE IN US. MEANWHILE WE WISH ALERT YOU TO PROPOSED VISIT OF CROWN PRINCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN FROM ZAHEDI AS TO NATURE OF TRIP AND WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM USG. WE ARE ASSUMING TRIP IS PRIVATE ONE BUT EVEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROTOCOL, SCHEDULING, SIGHTSEEING AND SECURITY QUESTIONS WHICH NEED CLARIFICATION AND ON WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET ANSWERS ASAP.
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